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1. During the period 5-9 December 1952 unidentified flea-like insects were allegedly found in a wooded area between Grosswasseritz and Rogaesén, west of the city of Brandenburg. These insects were said to have been strewn from a plane by unknown persons, over an area of approximately half a square kilometer. The entire area has been declared off limits and has been cordoned off by "the local fire department".
2. Persons living in the vicinity feel that another potato-bug scare is in the offing. Rumors are current among the inhabitants that this would cause the closing of the air corridors between Berlin and West Germany.

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